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WALLOPS INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Students on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland will have the opportunity to explore possible careers during Inspire the Next Generation Day at the Wallops Flight Facility on March 29.

NASA, along with the Navy's Surface Combat Systems Center, the Coast Guard, the National Wildlife Refuge Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are taking part in the annual Inspire the Next Generation Day.

The day provides children in grades 4 through 12 with the opportunity to see adults working together in a professional work environment and explore careers in the Federal workforce. Nearly 100 children participated in last year's event.

Students will spend time with their sponsor to learn about daily career responsibilities. Workshops and hands-on activities will be held during the day emphasizing careers and the preparation required for these positions.

The day consists of activities for children of all interests. Morning activities include: learning about basic rocketry with NASA engineers, a trip to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, a tour of the NOAA station, learning about Navy operations, touring aboard a Coast Guard rescue ship, studying robotics, a marine biology study, and a future professional women's workshop.

Afternoon activities include: building a sled kite, a weather balloon launch, a tour of NASA's launch control center, a Department of Agriculture seminar, touring the sounding rocket facility, global positioning system mapping demonstration, unmanned aerial vehicle demonstration, recycling awareness and a tour of a NASA scientific aircraft.

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